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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Status of Efforts to Gain Community Exemption to
HR 3400, Revisions to the Hatch Act.

1. A Federal Services, Post Office and Civil Service Subcommittee staff has informed me that the full Governmental Affairs Committee will mark-up HR 3400, the Political Activities Act, which permits greater political activity on the part of Federal employees, next week. They also reported that they have significantly amended the House version. When I asked for a copy of the amendments, the staff director informed me that no releases will be made until mark-up. He did tell me that the amendments will prohibit employees from running for political office and prohibit the solicitation of funds during work hours. Neither change overcomes Agency concerns.

2. I later talked with Charles Battaglia of the SSCI staff who advised me that he too had been refused a copy of the amendments. He agreed that the proposed changes did not help the Agency with its concerns. He said that he is writing a memo to Chairman Boren alerting him to our concerns and suggesting that he call Senators Pryor and Glenn (key movers of HR 3400) and advise them that the Committee could not support the legislation in any form. Battaglia thought that Boren could get to Pryor and Glenn before mark-up.

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